

# The Impact of Landmark Supreme Court Cases

**Objective:** Explore the impact of a landmark Supreme Court case on American law and civil rights.

**Instructions:**

1. **Choose a Case:** Research any Supreme Court case that interests you. Make sure it is a landmark case that had a significant impact on American law and civil rights.
2. **Summary:** Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) summarizing the main facts of the case and the Supreme Court's decision. Include key points such as the background of the case, the main issues, and the final ruling.
3. **Impact:** In 2-3 sentences, explain why this case is important and how it continues to influence American society today. Consider the legal, social, and political implications.
4. **Reflection:** Write a brief reflection (2-3 sentences) on how you think this decision might affect you personally. Think about how the ruling might impact your rights, freedoms, or daily life.
5. **Submit:** Turn in your work for review. Make sure your work is clear, concise, and well-organized.

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## Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)
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Choice of Case	Selected a highly relevant landmark case	Selected a relevant case	Selected a less relevant case	Case chosen is not a landmark case
<b>Summary</b>	Clearly and accurately summarizes main facts and decision	Summarizes main facts and decision with minor inaccuracies	Summarizes main facts but misses key points or has inaccuracies	Inaccurate or incomplete summary
<b>Impact Explanation</b>	Thoroughly explains importance and current influence	Explains importance and influence with minor gaps	Briefly explains importance with several gaps	Fails to explain importance or current influence
<b>Reflection</b>	Insightful and personal reflection on impact	Personal reflection with some insights	Limited personal reflection	No personal reflection or relevance
<b>Clarity and Organization</b>	Well-organized, clear, and concise	Mostly clear and organized	Some organization but lacks clarity	Disorganized and unclear
<b>Grammar and Mechanics</b>	Free from errors	Few minor errors	Several errors	Many errors

**Example:**

**Case:** Brown v. Board of Education (1954)

**Summary:** This case challenged the segregation of public schools based on race. The Supreme Court ruled that "separate but equal" schools were inherently unequal and violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. This landmark decision led to the desegregation of schools across the United States.

**Impact:** The Brown v. Board of Education case was crucial in the fight against racial segregation and laid the groundwork for the Civil Rights Movement. It has a lasting influence on ensuring equal educational opportunities for all students.

**Reflection:** This decision impacts me by promoting a more inclusive and equitable education system. It ensures that students of all races have access to the same quality of education, which is important for a fair and just society.

*Remember to use this example to guide your own work, but be sure to choose a different case and provide your own insights and reflections.*